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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, for the use  
 and benefit of BOMBARD ELECTRIC, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JE DUNN CONSTRUCTION  
 COMPANY, a Missouri corporation;  
 SUSTAINABLE MODULAR  
 MANAGEMENT, INC., a Texas corporation;  
 HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
 a surety; TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND  
 SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, a surety;  
 FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY; a surety;  
 PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, a surety;  
 DOES 1 through 10; and ROE ENTITIES 11  
 through 20, inclusive,

Defendants.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, for the use  
 and benefit of SUSTAINABLE MODULAR  
 MANAGEMENT, INC., a Texas corporation,

Plaintiff,

VS.  
 Filed 12/27/21

Case No.: 2:20-cv-00790-JAD-NJK

Consolidated With  
 Case No. 2:20-cv-01200-APG-VCF

**JOINT STIPULATION AND ORDER  
 TO AMEND DISCOVERY PLAN AND  
 SCHEDULING ORDER**

**(THIRD REQUEST)**

JE DUNN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, a  
Missouri corporation; HARTFORD FIRE  
INSURANCE COMPANY, a surety;  
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY  
COMPANY OF AMERICA, a surety;  
FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, a surety;  
DOES 1 through 10; and ROE ENTITIES 11  
through 20, inclusive,  
  
Defendants.

This Stipulation to Amend Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order is made by and between all parties to this consolidated action (United States of America, for the use and benefit of Sustainable Modular Management, Inc. (“SMM”); United States of America, for the use and benefit of Bombard Electric, LLC (“Bombard”); The Sherwin-Williams Company; JE Dunn Construction Company (“JE Dunn”); Hartford Fire Insurance Company (“Hartford”); Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America (“Travelers”); Federal Insurance Company (“Federal”); and Pacific Indemnity Company (“Pacific”)) through their respective counsel. (Collectively, all parties are referred to as “the Parties.”). This is the third stipulation for amendment of the discovery plan and scheduling order.

Before addressing the requirements of LR 26-3, the following background information may provide the Court with context to aid it in evaluating the need for this amendment:

1. This case arises out of a multimillion-dollar construction project concerning the hospital located on Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada (“the Project”). The Parties are the general contractor (JE Dunn), JE Dunn’s subcontractor (SMM), two of SMM’s subcontractors (Bombard and Sherwin Williams), and JE Dunn’s sureties.<sup>1</sup> The Project commenced in mid-2019 and work is still ongoing, although it is nearly complete.
2. To date, the Parties have been cooperating with each other and have engaged in extensive discovery and disclosure, with voluminous productions by both JE

<sup>1</sup> Bombard and Sherwin Williams have settled with JE Dunn and have assigned claims to JE Dunn. The parties are preparing the stipulations to dismiss Bombard and Sherwin Williams and to substitute JE Dunn in their place.

Dunn and SMM. For example, JE Dunn has produced several hundred thousand pages of documents and SMM also has produced a substantial number of documents. The Parties also have conducted twelve depositions through November 10, 2021, and have several more scheduled and contemplated.

3. SMM and JE Dunn have cooperated with respect to settling the claims of SMM's subcontractors, including the two who have asserted Miller Act claims herein, Bombard and Sherwin Williams. All have reached agreement and have executed settlement agreements. The Parties will be formally notifying the Court of these settlements in the near future and will realign the claims with the remaining parties in accordance with these settlements.
4. The Parties have agreed to mediate their disputes and had scheduled a mediation for December 20, 2021. However, because the Project is nearing completion, new facts and issues are developing. For example, JE Dunn has just decommissioned the temporary facilities that are the subject of this dispute, and there is disagreement between JE Dunn and SMM concerning the handling, storage and resulting damages involved with those facilities. This development has added issues to the dispute that may require additional expert witnesses. Additionally, SMM requires further third-party discovery before it will be prepared to mediate. Finally, the selected mediator is not available to mediate until April, 2022. The Parties sincerely hope that this dispute can be resolved in mediation and, therefore, do not wish to incur the substantial costs required to prepare expert reports in the event mediation is successful.

Accordingly, based on the forgoing, the Parties jointly move the Court to extend the dates for production of expert reports (and the subsequent deadlines in the Scheduling Order) to allow sufficient time for the expert reports to be prepared should mediation fail.

***Local Rule 26-3***

Pursuant to LR 26-3, the Parties state the following:

- (a) The following discovery has been completed:

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- 1                   1.       The Parties submitted their initial disclosures;
- 2                   2.       SMM propounded Interrogatories and Requests for Production to JE
- 3       Dunn, to which JE Dunn has responded;
- 4                   3.       SMM propounded Requests for Production to Travelers, Hartford, and
- 5       Federal, to which all three have responded;
- 6                   4.       JE Dunn propounded Interrogatories and Requests for Production to
- 7       SMM, to which SMM has responded;
- 8                   5.       Bombard propounded Requests for Admission, Requests for Production,
- 9       and Interrogatories to JE Dunn and to SMM. However, with SMM's approval, JE Dunn has
- 10       settled with Bombard and no longer requires responses to its discovery requests; and
- 11                   6.       The Parties both represent that their respective productions of documents
- 12       are complete, with the exception of (1) JE Dunn's ongoing damages calculations (as the Project
- 13       is ongoing), , (2) JE Dunn's response to SMM's second set of requests for production, (3)
- 14       discovery related to the demobilization and relocation of the temporary facilities, (4) further
- 15       documents SMM obtains from third parties, and (5) the Parties' ongoing obligation to produce
- 16       any other document later-discovered and subject to production.
- 17                   7.       The Parties have conducted thirteen depositions.

18       (b) The following discovery remains to be completed:

- 19                   1.       The Parties will disclose experts and submit reports for any experts they
- 20       expect to present at trial;
- 21                   2.       The Parties will take additional fact and expert depositions; and
- 22                   3.       The Parties may serve additional third-party subpoenas for documents
- 23       and/or depositions.

24       (c) The following describes why the remaining discovery cannot be completed under the

25       current schedule:

26       As discussed in detail above, because of scheduling conflicts and the need for additional

27       discovery, the Parties will be unable to conduct the mediation until April, 2022. The Parties

28       remain hopeful that the dispute will settle in mediation. Thus, they seek to avoid the substantial

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costs of developing expert reports unless and until required in the event that mediation fails. Because of the enormous quantity of documents and the complex factual background, expert witnesses will require about three months to review materials and draft expert reports. Accordingly, the Parties request to extend the initial deadline for production of expert to July 15, 2022. All subsequent deadlines in the Scheduling Order would adjust accordingly.

(d) A proposed schedule for completing all remaining discovery is as follows:

	<b>Old Deadline</b>	<b>New Deadline</b>
Deadline to Amend Pleadings and Add Parties	July 31, 2021	No Change
Parties to designate experts and exchange reports consistent with Rule 26	January 14, 2022	July 15, 2022
Parties to designate rebuttal experts and exchange reports consistent with Rule 26	February 14, 2022	August 15, 2022
Discovery Period Closes	May 13, 2022	November 18, 2022
Dispositive Motion Submittal Deadline	July 15, 2022	January 13, 2023
Parties shall submit a pretrial order (to include the disclosures required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3))	July 29, 2022	February 17 2023

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**STIPULATION**

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby stipulate and agree to amend the Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order as described herein.

**IT IS SO STIPULATED.**

DATED this 23rd day of December, 2021.

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**ORDER**

**NO FURTHER EXTENSIONS  
WILL BE GRANTED.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
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United States Magistrate Judge

DATED December 27, 2021